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Preparations for the observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family in 2004

1. Insert two new paragraphs following operative paragraph 1 to read as follows:

"*Welcomes* the decision of Benin to host a regional preparatory conference in Benin in May 2004 in collaboration with the United Nations, within existing resources;"

"*Welcomes* decisions by members of the international community (Governments, non-governmental organizations, civil society) to host events in observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family;"

2. Insert an operative paragraph following operative paragraph 5 to read as follows:

"*Calls on* United Nations system agencies and bodies, including the regional commissions, within existing resources, and invites intergovernmental organizations and research and academic institutions to support regional events of the year 2004 to contribute to the success of these events;"

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3. Replace existing operative paragraph 6 with the following text:

"*Welcomes* the launching by the Secretary-General of the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family on 4 December 2003;"

4. Insert an operative paragraph following operative paragraph 6 to read as follows:

Requests the Secretary-General to:

(a) Strengthen the programme of work of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs on family pursuant to the International Year of the Family + 10 objectives in the context of national family-related provisions of the outcomes of the United Nations summits and conferences, and in the context of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, to enhance the unique role of the family in society, in particular through:

(i) Developing and strengthening a family-focused perspective into relevant policies and programmes of United Nations bodies as well as in the follow-up to the outcomes of the relevant United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields;

(ii) Provision of policy guidance on emerging issues and trends affecting the family, through preparation of studies and research papers aimed in particular at enhancing the role of the family in society;

(iii) Provision of technical assistance to countries, upon request, to enhance, where appropriate, their national capacities in the area of family-related work;

(b) Address family issues, where relevant, in his report on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields;

5. Replace existing operative paragraph 7 with the following text:

"*Requests* the Secretary-General to present an interim report to the Commission on Social Development at its forty-second session and a substantial report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution and on the preparations for and the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family at all levels".